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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - JET FUEL PRICES

REF: STATE 183816 AND PREVIOUS

1. AS FOLLOWUP TO REFTEL AND PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS ON SUBJECT OF JET FUEL PRICES AND FUEL TAX REFUND, EMB RAISED MATTER AGAIN WITH ACTING UNDERSECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN FOREIGN MINISTRY, DR. TERESA DE ZEA.

2. WITH REGARD TO FUEL TAX QUESTION AND SUGGESTED TARGET DATE OF AUGUST 15, THE FONOFF OFFICIAL SAID THAT THERE WAS NO DISAGREEMENT CONCERNING REFUND OF TAXES COLLECTED AND SUSPENDING IMPOSITION OF FUEL TAX. HOWEVER, QUESTION OF REFUND OF TAXES PAID ZZULD HAVE TO AWAIT APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS.

3. FONOFF UNDERSECRETARY SAID SUGGESTED TARGET DATE WOULD BE PASSED ON TO OFFICIALS CONCERNED, BUT FELT THAT, BUREAUCRATICALLY, IMPLEMENTATION WOULD PROBABLY TAKE SOMEWHAT LONGER TIME.

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4. U.S. POSITION ON JET FUEL PRICES WAS NOTED.

UNDERSECRETARY STATED THAT FONOFF LEGAL ADVISER WAS
STUDYING THE MATTER. SHE SAID SHE WOULD PASS ON OUR
CONCERN ABOUT HIGH FUEL PRICE COMPARED TO LOWER COST
OF CRUDE IN COLOMBIA.

5. EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR RESOLUTION OF THESE
MATTERS.
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